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EXAMINING GROUP 1615

PATENT
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Sawynok et al.

Application No.: 09/700,625

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For: ANTIDEPRESSANT COMPOSITIONS
USEFUL FOR LOCAL ANALGESIA
(as amended)

Group Art Unit: 1615

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed May 21, 2002 (Paper No. 15), please consider the following amendments and remarks.

In the claims:

Please replace claims 26, 37 and 49 with the following amended forms thereof.

26. (Amended) A composition for local administration comprising a second or third generation antidepressant, and a vehicle suitable for local administration, wherein the second or third generation antidepressant is selected from the group consisting of amoxapine, desipramine,